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Honorable Phillip N. Asprodites  
Commissioner of Conservation  
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RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
TO PRODUCE A UNIT WELL  
AT AN EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION  
5200 RA SUE; MISSIANA FRNE #13  
LARTO LAKE FIELD  
Catahoula Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Meason Operating Company ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a Public Hearing, after Legal Notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 5200' Sand, Reservoir "A", Sand Unit E, in the Larto Lake Field, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana:

1. Approval of production of the 5200' Sand, Reservoir A, from the exceptional location, as shown on the plat attached hereto, of the 5200 RA SUE; Missiana FRNE No. 13 Well as an exception to the provisions of Order no. 1232-C, effective June 2, 1987, and all pertinent provisions thereof.
2. To designate the above said Well as the Unit Well of the 5200 RA SUE.
3. To name and designate Meason Operating Company as the Operator of the 5200 RA SUE.
4. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner may deem pertinent and appropriate.

The 5200' Sand, Reservoir "A", Larto Lake Field, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, is defined in the Office of Conservation Order No. 1232-C, effective June 2, 1987.

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This is an application made on behalf of Meason Operating Company to produce from an exceptional location.

Dale Exploration Company permitted the Missiana FRNE No. 13 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 of NE/4), Section 20, T5N-R6E, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. This Well produced from the Minter A Sand. (equivalent.)

A Public Hearing was applied for by AmBrit Energy Corporation and held on June 2, 1987, the same date the Unit became effective. An Order was issued after the Hearing, granting an exceptional location for AmBrit-Missiana HB No. 11 Well in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4) of Section 17, T5N-R6E, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. This exception location is to boundary lines. The application asked to permit a well 50 feet from the South line and 50 feet from the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), which is the 5200 RA SUH Well.

A Public Hearing was applied for by Dale Exploration Company to establish 13 drilling units for the 5200' Sand, Reservoir A in the Larto Lake Field. The Field Rules in Order No. 1232-C call for 330 feet from boundary lines and 660 feet between wells in the same Sand.

Now Meason Operating Company, the present lease owner, is applying to produce the Dale Exploration Company - Missiana FRNE No. 13 Well in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 of NE/4, Section 20, T5N-R6E, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana from the 5200' Sand, Reservoir A, according to Order No. 1232-C. It is not a legal location because it is less than 660 feet from the AmBrit - Missiana HB No. 11 Well. It is Applicant's determination that the 5200' Sand, Reservoir A is commercial. Applicant now requests permission to reenter and produce from the 5200' Sand, Reservoir A, from the depth of 5216 feet to 5236 feet, at the location stated above. The 5200' Sand is behind pipe and has not been perforated.

The Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation pertaining to the Pre-Application Notice requirements are not applicable to the Hearing requested herein, which requires legal notice of only ten (10) days.

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The pertinent data pertaining to this Application will be made available for inspection in the office of the undersigned. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call the undersigned at (318) 339-7238 during normal business hours or write the undersigned at the above address in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

Pursuant to the revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom notice of this Application is being sent. A copy of the Plat showing the subject Well is enclosed herewith and a copy of this letter and the attached Plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Monroe District Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this Hearing and the enclosed Plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause the Legal Notice to be published in a newspaper published in the general area of Larto Lake Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners and Represented Parties and will mail a copy of the Legal Notice and enclosed Plat to all Interested Parties.

Attached hereto is our check in the amount of \$630.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, to cover the applicable Hearing fee.

Sincerely,

  
H. JAMES LOSSIN, SR.  
Attorney for  
MEASON OPERATING COMPANY

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Enclosures

xc Mr. Charles McGough, District Manager  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties  
Interested Parties